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## Spartan Project SEARCH Newsletter MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

May 2025

[Spartan Project SEARCH](#) is a one-year, school-to-work, transition program that provides training and education through internships within departments throughout Michigan State University. Collaboratively, the program prepares young adults with disabilities to enter the workforce with marketable and transferable skills. Spartan Project SEARCH is sponsored by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.



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Please forward this newsletter to your colleagues, family and community members.

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## Spartan Project SEARCH 2024-25 Cohort



April brought a bit of warmer weather and finally some sunshine. Interns kicked off their final internships and are exhibiting the independence skills they have learned this year.

During classroom time, interns participated in interviews for their final internships, learned about types of housing, and types of expenses related to living on their own. They also worked on types of relationships and what actions are appropriate. Interns also participated in their Employment Planning Meetings to get constructive feedback from their supervisors and learn about hiring possibilities.

This coming month, interns will begin exploring how to apply for jobs, updating resumes, disclosing disabilities, and making a good first impression.

## Save the Date!



May 2 Half Day- Dismissal at 11:30  
May 13 Attending State Board of Education meeting  
May 14 New Family Welcome Night at Owen Graduate Hall  
May 21 Empower and Employ Event at Ingham ISD  
May 23 Half Day- Dismissal at 11:30  
May 26 No School  
June 2 Transition Programs End of Year Picnic  
June 4 Last day of school & Graduation

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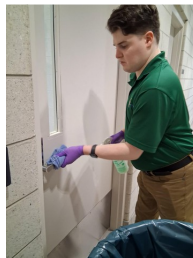
## Internship #3: Job Sites & Supervisors

Case Dining Hall - Nick Webster  
Gallery Dining Hall - Susie Burke  
MSU Linen Services - Andy Root  
Sparty's at Snyder-Phillips - Booker Hall  
Sabor- Jim Alquiza  
Biomedical Facilities- Judy Ramirez  
The Workshops- Jim Alquiza  
MSU Main Library- Heidi Schroeder and Zoe McLaughlin  
Wharton Center- Kelly Stuible-Clark

**Thank you supervisors and departments for a great internship!**



**Jacob @ Sabor**



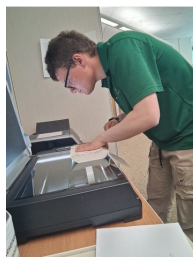
**Mitchell @ Biomedical Facilities**



**Gaven @ Case Dining Hall**



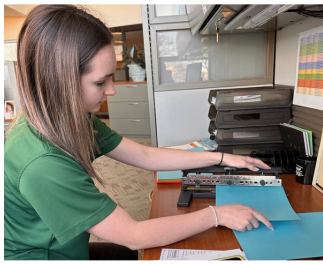
**AJ @ Linen Services**



**Nick @ MSU Main Library**



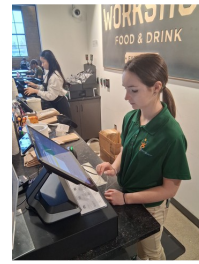
**Tsz-Yan @ Sparty's Cafe**



Emily @ Wharton Center



Kevin @ The Gallery



Emily @ The Workshop

## Project SEARCH Collaboration

### Project SEARCH Statewide Meeting

During April, our program was able to meet in-person with other instructors and staff from across the state of Michigan. It was a great time to hear from community partners, brainstorm new ways to present topics to students, and learn how to better support each program toward successful outcomes.



### Employment Planning Meetings

We met with department supervisors this month for our first employment updates of our final internship. Interns were able to share what job tasks they are currently learning while supervisors provided feedback on ways interns can continue to improve their employability skills. In addition we were joined by our counselor from [Michigan Rehabilitation Services](#), our job developer from [Aspire](#), and parents; this is a good way to think of strengths and weaknesses, interest levels, and help with the future job search.



## Classroom Learning Time





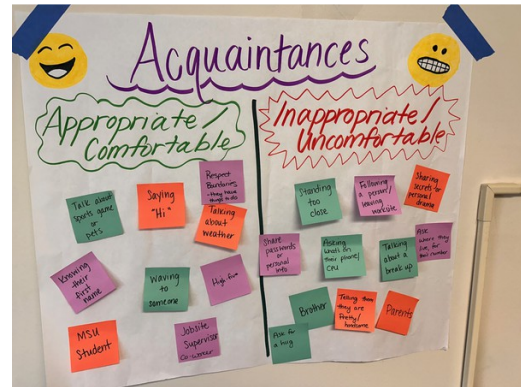
## MSU Police and Safety Tour



## Working an event at the Wharton Center



## Internship 3 Placements



## Learning about relationships

## Graduate Spotlight



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## Apply for Project SEARCH

If you are interested in applying for Spartan Project SEARCH, you can find more information on our website at [Spartan Project SEARCH](https://www.projectsearch.org/).

### Spartan Project SEARCH Online Application



## On the Banks of the Red Cedar



### S.A.I.L Foster Tour

Our program was excited to host a class from S.A.I.L Foster in April. It was a great time of sharing about different jobsites that students are gaining experience at, future goals, and about how each of our programs operate. After time with each other, the S.A.I.L students enjoyed a lunch at Brody Dining Hall.

## In The News

**Alumni Association #3**  
**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**Jane Meister**  
Graduate Assistant,  
Project SEARCH

**Naveh Eldar**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
The Arc Minnesota

**Brooke Locher**  
Project SEARCH Instructor,  
Michigan State University



### Ingham ISD Transition - 03/26/25

Ingham ISD's transition programs support students aged 18-26 in developing independence through real-world experiences.

[fox47news.com](https://fox47news.com)

## MSU Today: Project SEARCH Spotlight Article



### MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES \_ FALL 2024.pdf

MSU Libraries Fall 2024 Insight: Spartan Project SEARCH Spotlight Article

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# Hiring Updates

No new updates this month. All graduates are currently working or looking for jobs.

Did you know Spartan Project SEARCH averages 78% interns hired each year?

2023-24 Cohort: 6/7 hired

2022-23 Cohort: 5/7 hired



## Stay Informed



The [Project SEARCH](#) monthly newsletter was created to share stories with our community. Please forward this newsletter to your colleagues, family and community members.

If you are interested in Spartan Project SEARCH and/or would like to host an intern, please contact Instructor [Brooke Locher](#).

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